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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS RE SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO MALAYSIA

1. JANUARY 16 FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW (AVAILABLE IN DEPT) CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE FALLOUT FROM A CORPORATE WATERGATE" REPORTING ON NORTHRUP CORPORATIONS ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS IN EFFORTS TO SELL F5E; SECOND ARTICLE ENTITLED "NORTHRUP: DOCUMENTING A MALAYSIAN CONNECTION" CONCENTRATES ON F5E SALES TO MALAYSIA AND ALLEGES THAV NORTHRUP PAID BRIBES HERE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CONTRACT. COVER SHOWS PICTURE OF F5E DROPPING DOLLARS TO HAPPY POLITICIANS IN KUALA LUMPUR.

2. ARTICLES HAVE NOT YET ATTRACTED WIDE ATTENTION HERE, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF APPEARANCE OF MAGAZINE CAME AT TIME WHEN ALL PUBLIC ATTENTION WAS ON DETERIORATING HEALTH AND DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER RAZAK. FIRST OFFICIAL INTEREST WAS SHOWN TODAY, JANUARY 22, WHEN DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, WAN MANSOR, TELEPHONED CHARGE TO ASK FOR COPIES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTS ON SUBJECT OF SENATOR CHURCH'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON

MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. WAN MANSOR COMMENTED THAT GOM HAD PURCHASED AIRPLANES IN GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT DEAL AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF COMMISSIONS MENTIONED IN ARTICLE. IT WAS, HOWEVER, CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF WE COULD SUPPLY CHURCH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS, WHICH APPARENTLY ARE CHIEF BASIS OF FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW ARTICLES.

- 3. SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATION DESCRIBED ABOVE, USIS RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR A COPY OF SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED:PLEASE AIR POUCH SIX COPIES OF SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.
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